WHEREAS Leather is growne very deare, and is like to bee dearer, by reaſon that the Ingredients now uſed in Tannage are very Scarce and prineipally Barke of Oake; moreover Timber cut downe at unſeaſonable times, when the Sap is in it, is a greater prejudize to the ſame then the value of the Barke doth amount unto; And it is likewiſe very hurtfull unto Coppice woods, being ſo late cut downe that the Wood and Timber cannot bee removed in convenient time from the young Spring.

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CHARLES HOWARD of *Arundell*-Houſe hath ſeverall Secrets and new Inventions not heretofore practized in theſe Kingdomes of *England*, and *Ireland*, for the better Tanning of Leather, either without Barke of Oake, or any other Ingredients now in uſe, or by adding or joyning the new Ingredients or Liquors with Barke of Oake, which will make the ſame farre more effectuall and more uſefull, and will (if cauſe require) take off Haire without Lyme, and make farre better Leather in leſſe time and with leſſe Charge then formerly, as is maniteſt by ſeverall parcels of Leather, which hee hath ſo cauſed to be Tanned.

Wherefore the ſaid CHARLES HOVVARD deſires an Act, That hee and his Aſſignes may have power for Fourteene yeares, according to the Statute to make uſe of the ſaid new Inventions in theſe Kingdomes of *England* and *Ireland*, which will bee a Publique benefit, and a very conſiderable advantage to his Majeſty a 5.th part of all the Profits being to his uſe; Alſo which Penalties upon all perſons that ſhall make uſe thereof without Licence; Provided by the Act, That no Tanners or other Dreſſers of Leather may be debarred of any of their former wayes of Tannage.